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The Honorable Patrick Dinkelacker  
Judge, Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas  
1000 Main Street, Room 360  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Honorable Patrick Dinkelacker:

You and I have known each other professionally and personally for almost 40 years. Today, you are going to impose the sentence Judge Norbert Nadel gave former Judge Tracie Hunter after she was indicted by a grand jury, convicted by a petit jury, and upheld by every court in Ohio. It was also reviewed by the federal district court and the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and upheld.

She has not once shown remorse. She has been incredibly disrespectful to you and the justice system. She has, in the face of the fact that my office removed itself in any way from her prosecution, blamed us for her plight. That being said, I believe she has some type of mental condition that has created this scenario.

Although we are not the prosecutors in this particular case, I ask as a friend of the court to consider an evaluation of her prior to imposing Judge Nadel's sentence. I have nothing but the greatest respect for you as a judge, and more importantly, as a person. I know in my heart that you will do what you believe is just. I've know you too long to believe otherwise. But, she has basically lost everything professionally. A review of her stability to serve jail time hurts no one and may, in some way, aid in your decision to impose the sentence.

With Greatest Respect,

Joseph T. Deters

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